Re: (1) *viz*., the bund and sluices across Kannakal thodu an estimate is under preparation. For (2) the groynes have been put up and they serve the purpose of lessening the damages due to floods. With regard to others investigations have been conducted and detailed estimates are under preparation.

Mr. K. R. Elankath (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): May I know the approximate cost for carrying out the scheme?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The approximate cost can be ascertained only after the estimates have been prepared.

Smuggling in Travancore.

45. ❋ **Mr. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether smuggling is still going on in Travancore;

(*b*) the kinds of articles smuggled into Travancore;

(*c*) the approximate time when smuggling into Travancore began;

(*d*) whether smuggling has been waxing or waning in Travancore;

(*e*) whether such waxing or waning has been regular in Travancore;

(*f*) what proportion of the population of each taluk in Travancore is engaged in smuggling;

(*g*) the kinds of articles smuggled into Travancore by the smugglers of each taluk;

(*h*) the reasons and causes which induce people to take to smuggling; and

(*i*) what steps the Government have been taking to prevent smuggling?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Tobacco and its preparations, and salt.

(*c*) There is no information.

(*d*) Smuggling is found to be waning.

(*e*) It cannot be said for certain whether waning is regular or irregular.

(*f*) No figures are available.

(*g*) Tobacco and its preparations, and salt.

(*h*) The reason which induces people to take to smuggling is mainly the abnormal gain obtained from the same.

(*i*) Strong preventive staff is posted to the frontiers for systematic patrol work. A posse of reserve police has been posted to the northern frontiers temporarily. There are also two C. I. D. Excise Inspectors to assist them.

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Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know how long it might be before normal staffs are stationed and the special preventive staffs are disbanded?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: I cannot say exactly when we may withdraw the special preventive staff.

Construction of the Council Chamber.

46. ❋ **Mr. N. V. Chacko:** Will the Government be pleased to state when the new building under construction will be ready for holding meetings of the Sri Mulam Assembly and the Sri Chitra State Council?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: By the second half of 1114.

Work done in furtherance of the University Scheme.

47. ❋ **Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair:** Will the Government be pleased to state as to what all has been done in furtherance of the University scheme till this date?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: The attention of the member is invited to the note on the University Budget circulated by the Pro Vice-Chancellor to the members of the Legislature.

Change of working hours in schools and colleges.

48. ❋ **Mr. N. V. Chacko:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they consulted parents of pupils and students, doctors and experts with regard to the change of time for schools and colleges to 9·30 A. M. to 3·30 P. M.; and

(*b*) if not, what made them to fix 9·30 A. M. to 3·30 P. M. as the most suitable time for the students and pupils and their teachers and professors for work in the schools and colleges at Trivandrum?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes; their views were obtained.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Mr. N. V. Chacko May I know whether 9·30 A. M. to 3·30 P. M. is more convenient than 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: It is only as an experimental measure that we have adopted this change of time. It is too early to say which is better.

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